

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 3, and 13 and cancel claim 23 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus for controlling the power of a monitor, comprising:

~~a computer to output a predetermined signal, by a video processor portion of the computer, to indicate whether the computer is powered on;~~

~~a monitor receiving the predetermined signal and powering on and off based upon the predetermined signal; and~~

~~the video processor section to process and transmit video signals to the monitor through an external connection;~~

~~wherein the predetermined signal output from the video processor section is output from a predetermined external pin of the external connection; and~~

~~wherein, based on the predetermined signal being transmitted to the monitor when the monitor is powered off, monitor information resident in the monitor is still readable by the computer.~~

a computer outputting a predetermined signal indicating whether the computer is powered on or off;

a monitor receiving the predetermined signal and powering on or off according to the predetermined signal; and

a video card processing and transmitting a video signal to the monitor;

wherein the predetermined signal output from the computer is output from a predetermined pin of the video card; and

wherein the predetermined signal is transmitted to the monitor regardless of whether the monitor is powered on or off so that monitor information is readable by the computer.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the monitor comprises:

a memory storing the monitor information, wherein the monitor information is provided to the computer regardless of whether the monitor is powered on or off;

a control unit comparing a reference level with a level of the predetermined signal, detecting a state of power of the computer based on a result of the comparison, and outputting a monitor power control signal; and

a power supply unit supplying or cutting off power to the monitor in accordance with the monitor power control signal output from the control unit.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the predetermined signal drives the memory so that the monitor information stored in the memory is read.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the control unit outputs a first control signal to supply power to the monitor in response to the level of the predetermined signal being higher than the reference level, and the control unit outputs a second control signal to cut off power to the monitor in response to the level of the predetermined signal being lower than the reference level.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the level of the predetermined signal is 5V in response to the computer being powered on, and 0V in response to the computer being powered off.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a serial cable, wherein the predetermined signal is transmitted from the computer to the monitor via the serial cable.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of controlling the power of a monitor, the method comprising:

~~receiving, by a monitor, a predetermined signal from a video processing section of a computer, receipt of the predetermined signal indicating whether the computer is powered on or off, and~~

~~powering the monitor on and off, according to receipt of the predetermined signal, and accordingly powering off the monitor when the predetermined signal is not received or indicates that the computer is off,~~

~~wherein, when the monitor is powered off, monitor information resident in the monitor is still readable by the computer based upon receipt of the predetermined signal.~~

receiving a predetermined signal from a computer indicating whether the computer is powered on or off; and

powering the monitor on and off according to the predetermined signal.

wherein the predetermined signal is transmitted to the monitor regardless of whether the monitor is powered on or off so that monitor information is readable.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 13, wherein the powering on and off of the monitor further comprises:

detecting a level of the received predetermined signal;

supplying power to the monitor in response to the level of the predetermined signal being higher than a reference level; and

cutting off power to the monitor in response to the level of the predetermined signal being lower than the reference level.

23. (CANCELLED) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the video processing section of the computer is a video card.